

## Ermetika Care & Maintenance

- Avoid unwinding the blind during strong windy conditions. Particular care needs to be taken as the wind against the material will hinder the smooth unwinding of the blind and therefore cause operation problems.
- ALWAYS watch the blinds extend and retract when operating them automatically. Be prepared to stop the operation should a problem occur. Do not use force on the blind. In some cases, whether you are lowering or raising the blind, stopping and reversing, before continuing with the original operation will free the blind. You may gently pull or push the lower rail by hand or with the pole provided (option) to assist with its retraction or extension should the need arise.
- The runners are designed to prevent the material from sliding out while allowing it to glide up and down. Never lubricate the runners under any circumstances.
- Check runners for blockages e.g. insects, paper, matches etc.
- Build up of salt from sea spray, dust, smog etc on the blind may make the material to stick on itself and cause problems when trying to operate the blind.
- Regular cleaning is required when Clear PVC is used in the blind. The blind may need to be washed at least once every three months depending on conditions. If the blind is exposed to harsh coastal conditions e.g. sea spray, then a weekly washing may be required to avoid the build up of salt, dust and smog being deposited and hardened by the sun resulting in operation problems. A regular washing is recommended with a diluted solution of warm water and mild soap or a neutral detergent. Allow a few minutes before rinsing with clean water and dry with a soft cloth or sponge without applying too much pressure, otherwise it may deform the material. Do not use solvents or chemical cleaners. Do not expose sheets to abrasion. Do not use coarse cloths as this will scratch the surface. Do not use harsh chemicals for cleaning.
- Scratches will appear through normal usage. Dust particles propelled by winds will scratch the surface. Over time the blinds appearance will deteriorate with normal usage and so do not expect the blind to retain the pristine condition it was in when it was first installed.
- To avoid making the canvas opaque, do not use abrasive sponges, abrasive detergents, or alcohol.
- The supplier recommends Plexus plastic cleaner (Part # 19PLE) though GFS (the manufacture of the finished product) has no experience with this cleaner and will not be held liable for its use.
- Clear PVC material is a dynamic material. This material will respond differently depending on the environmental conditions it is exposed to. Whilst all care is taken in the manufacturing it should be noted the material may display the following characteristics:
  - Some warping
  - Diagonal creasing
  - Loss of clarity

- If the zipper should come away from the zipper track due to someone accidentally falling against it or pressure from high winds uneven rolling etc then follow the instructions below to re-insert. Please note that if the zipper does come away from the track it is not indication of a faulty product. The process of inserting the zipper into the zipper track is a simple process designed to be preformed by owners.



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### ***INSTRUCTIONS TO RE-INSERT ZIPPER EDGE INTO ZIPPER TRACK***



**1.** Pull the front panel firmly from each end of the headbox by pulling it down & outward at the same time.



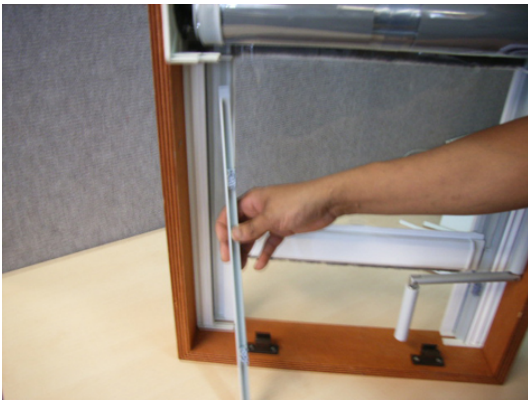
**2.** Remove both plastic side hood ends by pulling and sliding them side ways towards the centre of the screen.



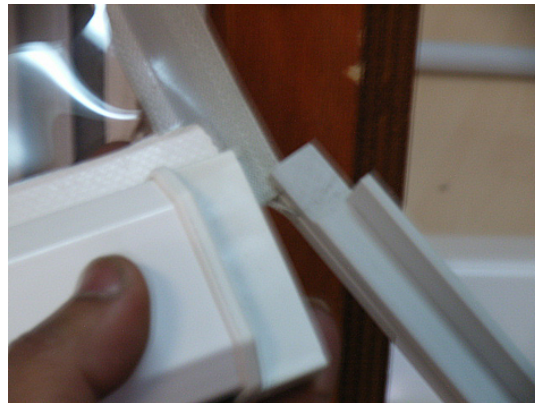
**3.** Remove the rubber glazer from both of the side rails by pulling it out from the bottom towards the top.



**4.** Remove side rail front panels form either side of the screen.



**5.** Pull out both Plastic PVC Zip tracks. Do this to other side as well.



**6.** Roll the blind up half way if it's not already. Pull the skin out slightly by holding the bottom rail and insert the zipper into the zip track. Make sure the zipper is inserted in correct end of the zip track. This is the end with the cut-out sections on both sides of the zip track. Do this to other side as well.



**8.** Gently push the zip track all the way up through the top side U shape opening and insert the zip track into the aluminium side rail so it sits parallel with it.



**9.** Once the zippers have been inserted into the zipper tracks and the zipper tracks are sitting in the aluminium side rails then follow steps 2, 3, 4 in reverse order. Attach the side aluminium panels to the side rails and insert the rubber glazing to secure the panel to the side rail. Attach the plastic side hood ends.



**10.** Insert and push the front head box into the top groove firmly and push down both ends firmly to close the front head box.